

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 92-245-E - ORDER NO. 95-1255✓  
JUNE 22, 1995

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company - Integrated Resource Plan	) ORDER ) RULING ON ) PROGRAM ) MODIFICATION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval for modification of its Home Energy Check Program. This Program is a part of SCE&G's Demand Side Management portfolio. According to the Company, a recent analysis has shown that the participation rate for this program had declined, and that program cost amounts to \$57.00 per energy check, excluding rebate and credits. As a result of these findings, SCE&G proposes to charge a \$55.00 audit fee which is credited back to the customer as an incremental rebate to be added to the rebate schedule upon completion of at least one of the recommended home energy envelope improvements within 3 months of the audit. This proposed fee will apply only to residential customers served under Schedules 1, 5, 7, and 8. SCE&G also proposes a modification of the rebate schedule.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed SCE&G to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of

general circulation in the affected areas. The Executive Director also instructed the Company to furnish individual notice to all customers on the affected schedules through bill insert. The purpose of the Notice of Filing and the bill insert was to inform interested parties of SCE&G's Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding.

SCE&G complied with the instructions of the Executive Director and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing and of the sending of the bill inserts. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were received. Pursuant to S.C. CODE ANN. §58-27-870(F)(Supp. 1994), we hold that no hearing need be held.

The Commission has examined this matter, and we do not believe that SCE&G has furnished sufficient data to document its belief that the direct cost per Home Energy Check is \$57.00. Without this documentation, the Commission does not believe that it can grant the requested amount. The Commission does believe that the Company should be entitled to some contribution for performance of the Home Energy Check. The Commission believes that a \$25.00 fee per audit is appropriate to contribute towards the cost of the Home Energy Check. The Commission believes that this is sufficient at this time for those customers served on the Schedules 1, 5, 7, and 8. We do believe, however, that SCE&G's proposal to credit the audit fee back to the customer as an incremental rebate to be added to the rebate schedule upon

completion of at least one of the recommended home energy envelope improvements within 3 months of the audit is still appropriate, and should be adopted. Further, the Commission has examined the modification of the rebate schedule proposed by SCE&G, and finds it to be reasonable, and in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

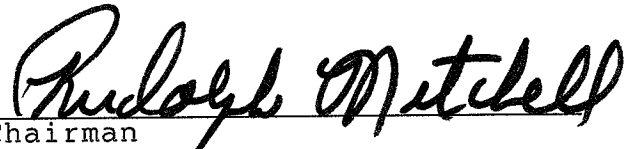
1. SCE&G may establish a \$25.00 fee per Home Energy Check which shall be credited back to the customers in incremental rebates to be added to the rebate schedule upon completion of at least one of the recommended home energy envelope improvements within 3 months of the audit.

2. This fee shall apply only to residential customers served on the Schedules 1, 5, 7, and 8.

3. The modification of the rebate schedule is hereby approved as filed.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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